

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1028

S E C R E T PHNOM PENH 3943

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E. O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: AEMR, PINS, CB

SUBJ: EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS AND REDUCTION OF STAFF IN  
PHNOM PENH

REF: ( A ) PHNOM PENH 3777; ( B ) STATE 075869 ( NOTAL )

SECSTATE PASS SECDEF, AID, USIA, CINCPAC, SAIGON, BANGKOK,  
VIENTIANE, COMUSMACTHAI, COMUSSAG

1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL B PARA 2, WE ARE PROCEEDING  
QUITELY TO MOVE OUT DEPENDENT AND WORKING WIVES, USING  
COMMERICAL TRANSPORT AND ASCRIBING THEIR DEPARTURE TO  
THE DECAY IN LIVING CONDITIONS HERE. SEPTTEL ADDRESSES  
DETAILS. OUR TARGET DATE IS MAY 10 OR EARLIER WHEN  
HARDSHIP CAN BE AVOIDED.

2. WE ARE ALSO MOVING AHEAD WITH CONTINGENCY PLANNING  
FOR A REDUCTION OF STAFF FROM THE CURRENT 197 AUTHORIZED  
TO THE 100/120 LEVEL. IN CONNECTION WITH REVISED  
E&E PLANNING, WE ARE ALSO DEVELOPING A MODEL FOR A  
50- MAN MISSION, THE SMALLEST UNIT WITH WHICH WE COULD  
ACCOMPLISH OUR BASIC FUNCTIONS HERE.

3. MEANWHILE ECON HAS DEVELOPED A PLAN FOR DUAL BASING  
ITS PERSONNEL IN BANGKOK AND PHNOM PENH WHICH IS BEING  
TRANSMITTED IN AIDAC CHANNELS. THIS PLAN, WHICH WOULD  
LIMIT ECON/ AID PERSONNEL BASED IN PHNOM PENH TO A SMALL TASK  
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FORCE DESIGNED TO HANDLE URGENT ACTION, SHOULD IN THE  
VIEW OF THE MISSION BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.  
REQUEST YOUR EARLIEST ENDORSEMENT OF IT.  
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NOTE BY OC/ T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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